News release

Improvements to maritime safety information

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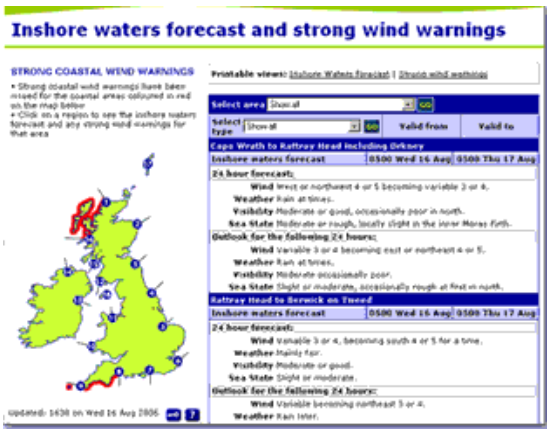
The Met Office's new look maritime safety information will be launched on our web site on 4 September. The pages are an improvement to the range of information available and will be presented via more intuitive map-based navigation. The maritime safety information is published via our web site on behalf of the Maritime & Coastguard Agency.

The routine issue of Shipping and Inshore Waters Forecasts will be available via 'clickable' maps. This information will be further enhanced by the real-time integration of sea-area gale warnings, and strong coastal wind warnings — as and when they are issued. The addition of the High Seas Forecasts and integrated Storm Warning Service will further enhance the site.

Those accessing the new pages on slower connections at sea will be able to print a plain text version of the information. The changes are the first phase in a number of improvements being made to the web site over the coming months.



This example shows the Inshore waters forecast/strong wind warnings page.

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